(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had provided relaxations and concessions to these communities in respect of employment in above posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) There is generally a time gap between occurrence of vacancies and filling up thereof as recruitment is a continuous process. Some posts remain unfilled due to reasons like non-availability of requisite number of reserved category candidates, etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Reservation in *in-situ* Promotion

1755. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reservation is applied only in regular and ad-hoc promotion and not in *in-situ* promotion/personnel upgradation and ACP Scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons as well as the major differences between ad-hoc promotion and *in-situ* promotion/personnel upgradation and ACP Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) Reservation is available in case of regular as well as ad hoc promotions which are related to vacancies in the higher grades. However, under the ACP Scheme and the *in-situ* promotion scheme for non-medical scientists etc., all qualifying employees are given benefit without linking it to availability of vacancies. There is, therefore, no specific provision for reservation.

Contract Workers

1756. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that under the contract system, workers employed in Central Government offices in various capacities are not being paid the whole sum which the contractors are drawing from Treasury on their account;

(b) whether the contractors are also not giving to employees full monthly quota of working days thus denying them the full wages;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) Complaints of payment of wages less than the prescribed wages by contractors and others are received from time to time.

(b) As per information received, no such instance has been reported.

(c) does not arise.

(d) The contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 provides for disbursement of wages in the presence of an authorized representative of the principal employers and in case the contractor fails to pay wages or makes short payment, the principal employer is liable to pay the same and recover the amount from the contractor. Complaints received in this regard are investigated and remedial action taken in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules framed thereunder.

Meeting of NDC

1757. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the decisions taken by the National Development council in its meeting held in June, 2005 and the areas in which decline in growth rate has been noted;

(b) whether sub-Committees for providing relief on agriculture and States loan have been set-up;

(c) if so, by when the said Committees would submit their reports to Government; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to implement the decisions taken by National Development Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The National Development council